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PROCUREMENT OF CHICKPEA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether owing to steep fall in prices of Chickpea (Bengalgram) the farmers are facing much problems as no buyers are coming forward to purchase the Chickpea at procurement centres in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the farmers Association of Prakasam of Andhra Pradesh requesting the Government for early redressal of their problems;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to alleviate the marketing problems of the chickpea in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (e): As the prices were ruling below Minimum Support Price (MSP), NAFED procured 46348 MTs of different varieties of Bengal gram during Rabi Marketing season 2014-15 as per the MSP of Rs.3100 per quintal for the harvesting period 1st February 2014 to 30th April 2014, as notified by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. The procured stock includes 1931 MTs from Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh.

It was brought to the notice of the Government through a letter that Bengal gram for Rabi Marketing season 2012-13 and 2013-14 was lying in cold storages in and around Prakasam district. Under Price Support Scheme (PSS), Central agencies can undertake purchase of fresh crop at MSP declared by Government of India during the harvesting period notified by State Government from genuine farmers who can provide land records.